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The Woodlands Township COVID-19 Update, Friday, July 24, 2020



Board Stresses Importance of Face Coverings

With recent escalating numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 in the area, Township Chairman Gordy Bunch again stresses the importance of wearing face coverings to help keep residents safe and help businesses remain open. The video can be watched [here](#).

Hospitals in The Woodlands Remain Prepared

While the number of cases of COVID-19 have risen dramatically in the past couple of weeks, the hospital systems in Southeast Texas remain very prepared. The SouthEast Texas Regional Advisory Council (SETRAC) produces daily interactive charts to help monitor hospital capacity on a daily basis. SETRAC's mission is to develop and sustain a powerful coalition of providers,

responders, and other healthcare related partners united together to save lives and improve health outcomes through research, education and collaboration.

SETRAC keeps up with the following information relating to COVID-19:

- COVID Tracker
- General Bed Usage
- ICU Bed Usage
- Ventilator Usage
- COVID Related Census
- Hospital/COVID Census

To see the charts, click here:

<https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrljoiYjU5MzU4NjAtZWJjMC00MTIILTkWYjYtMzE4ODY1YjAyMGU2IiwidCI6ImI3MjgwODdjLTgwZTgtNGQzMS04YjZmLTdlMGUzYmUxMGUwOCIsImMiOiN9>





County News

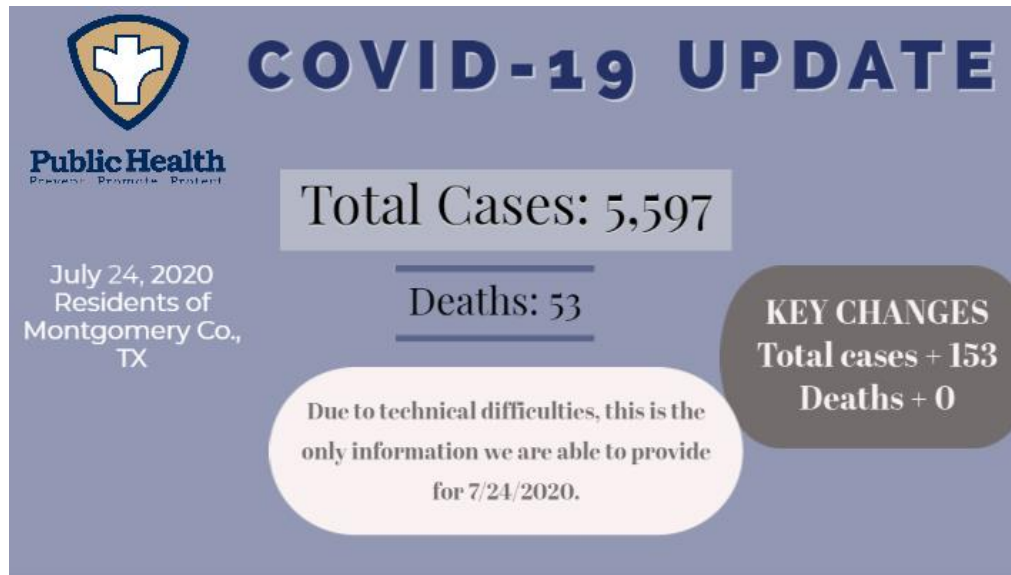
Montgomery County COVID-19 Case Count increases by 153 positives

Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, would like to announce that due to technical difficulties, they are only able to report the TOTAL amount of cases today. The MCPHD IT team is working on the issue in an effort to have it resolved and return to reporting all numbers on Monday.

Today, the TOTAL number of cases has increased by 153 to 5,597. Fortunately, no additional deaths are reported for today. Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- Consider staying home unless it is necessary to leave your home.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask (if it is necessary to leave your home).
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

Have questions? Please go to <https://mcphd-tx.org/> and scroll down to the FAQs.



You can find more information on the SETRAC website, setrac.org.

Keep in mind, the Montgomery County Public Health District's system is down. You can view the list of case-by-case updates from yesterday on the MCPHD website here: <https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/>. You can refer to the dashboard here: <https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/>.

Just a reminder, online registration is now available for COVID-19 testing through the MCPHD/MCHD voucher program. Click on "Need to be tested?" on mchd-tx.org or mcphd-tx.org and follow the instructions. Please note, the COVID-19 Call Center's number has changed to 936-523-3916. It is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Harris County COVID-19 Case Count

Harris County Public Health (HCPH) publishes their daily case count, combined with the City of Houston's daily case count, here: <https://tinyurl.com/tzymvk5>. Cases by zip code in Harris County can be found by clicking on areas of the [map](#).

The Village of Creekside Park is located in two zip codes: 77375 and 77389, and these also include Magnolia, Augusta Pines/Auburn Lakes/West Rayford Road in northwest Harris County.

Today, Harris County is reporting zip code 77375 has 411 confirmed positive cases with 180 active cases, and 77389 has 240 confirmed positive cases with 71 active cases.

Testing Information

Testing in Montgomery County

A reminder, online registration is now available for COVID-19 testing through the MCPHD/MCHD voucher program. Click on “Need to be tested?” on mchd-tx.org or mcphd-tx.org and follow the instructions. Call the COVID-19 Call Center at 936-523-3916, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., for more information.

Testing in Harris County

Get tested, it’s free! To sign up for testing, visit hcphtx.org or ReadyHarris.org or you can call 832-927-7575. [View flyer](#) for more information. Once tested, results from HCPH testing sites can take up to 5 days to process. As you wait for your results, stay home and self-isolate, especially if you are sick, practice social distancing (6 ft/2 m) and wear a face-covering. [View flyer](#) for more information on the next steps after you have been tested.

Governor Announces Additional Testing Sites

Governor Greg Abbott announced on Sunday, July 12, 2020, that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended federal support of Community Based Testing Sites in Dallas and Houston through July 31, 2020. Governor Abbott previously secured an extension of these sites in June. [View the Governor’s complete announcement.](#)



State News

Governor Recommends Monitoring Weather Throughout The Weekend

Governor Greg Abbott has urged Texans to remain vigilant and closely monitor weather conditions as a tropical development in the Gulf is expected to impact parts of Texas this weekend. The storm may lead to dangerous flash flooding, especially in the upper Rio Grande Valley, the Coastal Bend, and the Texas Hill Country. The Governor is also preparing state resources to assist communities with potential flooding and heavy rainfall. [Read the full announcement.](#)

Tropical Storm Hanna Update

Tropical Storm Hanna has continued to strengthen with wind speeds of up to 45 MPH, and has shifted more to the south. A tropical storm warning has been issued for much of the southern

Texas coast from San Luis Pass southward, and the tropical storm watch which had been issued from San Luis Pass to High Island has been dropped. Strengthening is expected over the next few days as it tracks across the warm waters of the Gulf towards the Texas coast.

[Read the full release](#) for more information.

Tropical Storm Hanna Forms, Rainfall Expected Beginning Today

Tropical Storm Hanna, the eighth named tropical cyclone of the 2020 Atlantic Hurricane season, has formed in the Gulf of Mexico. Forecasts from the National Hurricane Center (NHC) and National Weather Service (NWS) have shifted in the last 24 hours, showing Hanna making landfall south of Corpus Christi on Saturday afternoon.

[Read the full release](#) for more information.

School News



Local School Districts Reopening Plans

Local school districts have developed reopening plans. See below for more information on each school district.

Conroe ISD Superintendent Dr. Curtis Null announced on July 20, 2020, the school year will begin on August 12, 2020, and ALL students will begin in remote/online instruction only. Traditional in-person instruction is scheduled to begin no earlier than September 8, 2020.

[Read the full message from Dr. Null](#) | [Roadmap to Reopening](#)

Magnolia ISD announced on July 22, 2020, school will start on August 12 as planned with all students receiving instruction online through Labor Day. [Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year](#)

Tomball ISD announced on July 22, 2020, out of an abundance of caution for students and staff, as well as ensuring they have adequate staffing, that they have made the decision to start the school year on Tuesday, August 18, with ALL students in remote/virtual instruction only. [Return to Excellence – Reopening 2020](#)

The John Cooper School - [Reopening Plan](#)

The Woodlands Christian Academy - [TWCA 2020-2021 Reopening Plan](#)

Township News



Riva Row Boat House Now Open

The Woodlands Township has re-opened Riva Row Boat House Thursday, July 23, 2020. Normal operating hours will be in effect, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., with last boats going out at 7 p.m., closed on Wednesdays only. [Read the full release](#) for more information.

Around the Township



The Woodlands Farmer's Market

Rain or shine, The Woodlands Farmer's Market at Grogan's Mill is open tomorrow from 8 a.m. to noon, at the Grogan's Mill Shopping Center. The market continues to have safety precautions in place, including the consumption of food/beverage in the market, a changed layout for maximum social distancing, a requirement masks to be worn by patrons and vendors, and vendors will assist with purchases and hand sanitizing stations.

More information can be found by visiting the [website](#), [Facebook page](#) and [signing up for the newsletter](#).



The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion Goes Virtual for Free Arts Outreach Program

Though The Pavilion's Main Stage is currently dark, the non-profit organization is strongly committed to continuing to provide cultural enrichment for both young audiences and the public at large by increasing exposure to the arts. The Pavilion has recently launched several of its free educational outreach programs virtually for families to enjoy from the safety of their homes.

This season's free [Mini Maestros](#) kids club is being offered through a digital experience via Google Classroom. The Pavilion is also excited to launch the [Virtual Scout Day](#) Program this season as a way for Scouts BSA to achieve their Music Merit Badge. [Read the full release](#) for more information.

Community Resources

Numerous resources are available in the community for support. These vary from food banks to financial assistance and much more. Please visit the [Community Resources webpage](#) to find more information about resources in the community related to COVID-19.



Community Assistance Center

The Montgomery County Community Assistance Center (CAC) is seeking help through monetary and in-kind donations and through volunteers. The CAC front office is open for food and clothing assistance but with limited contact. [View the CAC Services flyer](#) | [View the CAC How You Can Help flyer](#).



The Benefits of Music on Mental Health

Research shows the benefits of music for various mental health conditions. Music acts as a medium for processing emotions and can also be utilized as a regulating or calming agent for anxiety. [Read more here.](#)

FDA Answers Questions About Hand Sanitizer Uses and Safety

The FDA is working to address the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak and keep you and your family informed on the latest developments. Visit the [FDA's website](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions from consumers about hand sanitizers and disinfectants.

The CDC provides information regarding disinfectant practices for surfaces in the [Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). [Learn more about these and other coronavirus topics.](#)

Township's Coronavirus Page

The Woodlands Township's COVID-19 page can be found at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/covid19. This page features Montgomery and Harris county hubs, community resources and news from the Federal Government and the CDC. It also includes the latest news from the Township, partner agencies, important links, FAQs, live Twitter feeds and more.

Stay Connected

Please stay connected to The Woodlands Township through our many communications channels. Learn more and sign up at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/stayinformed.

The Woodlands Township publishes this update to inform residents and businesses regarding COVID-19 and its impact on The Woodlands Township. Please sign up for Township news and notifications at www.thewoodlandstownship-tx.gov/notifyme.